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THE EVA JESSYE CHOIR

Presents

“WESTERN STAR”

A Panorama of American Music

suggested by

The Works of Stephen Vincent Benet

THE ARTISTS

Joyce Bryant	Hugh Harrell
Edna Ricks	Leroy Brodwith
Harriet Jackson	George Mulholland
Joseph Crawford	Wanza King

Eva Jessye, Director

3:00 p.m. Concert
PROGRAM

A SWEET COUNTRY Robinson-Whedon
Dedicated to Our First Lady

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“SPEAKING IN THEIR TONGUE”

SHADY GROVE (Kentucky Hoe-down)
TIMBER (Georgia Backwoods)
CIMMARON (Oklahoma Territory)

Male voices

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“BAND OF GIDEON AND DAVID’S HARP”

Spirituals:

AIN’T GOT TIME TO DIE Hall Johnson
WADE IN THE WATER Jessye

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TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

GIVE ME YOUR HAND, YOU MUST BE LOVING AT GOD’S COMMAND
DEATH, AIN’T YOU GOT NO SHAME?
HEAVENLY REST (male voices)
SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY

(Five-Minute Intermission)

BORN FREE Black-Barry
MASSACHUSETTS Razaf-Roberts
ST. LOUIS SONG (duet) Washington
FATHER MISSISSIPPI
SUMMERTIME (from Porgy and Bess) Gershwin
IMPOSSIBLE DREAM Darion-Leigh
(from Fiddler on the Roof)
NEVER LET A DOLLAR ROLL BY arr. Jessye
(Advice to Youth)
THE RAIN SONG Will Marion Cook

Evening Concert
PROGRAM

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“BAND OF GIDEON AND DAVID’S HARP”

Spirituals:

AIN’T GOT TIME TO DIE Hall Johnson
SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT arr. Jessye
WADE IN THE WATER arr. Jessye

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TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

GIVE ME YOUR HAND,
(You Must Be Loving at God’s Command)
DEATH, AIN’T YOU GOT NO SHAME?
SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY

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SIMON, THE FISHERMAN (a legend) Jessye

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THE RAIN SONG Will Marion Cook

Intermission

BORN FREE Black-Barry
MASSACHUSETTS Razaf-Roberts
ST. LOUIS SONG Washington
FATHER MISSISSIPPI
SUMMERTIME (from Porgy and Bess) Gershwin
(Solo)

HEAVENLY REST arr. Jessye
Male voices

SUNRISE, SUNSET Harnick-Bock
(from Fiddler on the Roof)

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM Darian-Leigh
(from Man of La Mancha)

YONDER COME DAY arr. Frederick Hall

Musical Dedication
Members of the
EVA JESSYE CHOIR

Dr. Eva Jessye, the conductor, is renowned in the fields of poetry, musical composition, and drama. George Gershwin appointed her choral director of "Porgy and Bess" in 1935. Dr. Jessye was the first to interpret Virgil Thompson's "Four Saints." She has served as American Consultant for BBC London, and is considered an authority on Negro music, speech, and customs.

Dr. Jessye has appeared in directorial roles with outstanding symphony conductors, including Eugene Ormandy, William Steinberg, and Leopold Stokowski.

The entire ensemble completed a tour of American colleges in 1967. Under the auspices of the state department, the group visited 26 countries. Critics had extravagant praise for the choir on both tours.

Each singer is an outstanding soloist with extensive experience in the United States and Europe.